

It's Oktoberfest Time!



September 16 – October 3

Saturday, September 16

Grand Entry of the Hosts and Breweries

Begins at 1045 hrs and lasts about one hour.

Route: Sonnenstraße, Schwanthalerstraße to the Oktoberfest grounds (Theresienwiese).

This is the official prelude to the opening of the Oktoberfest and involves about 1,000 participants, including the hosts' families in decorated carriages, the magnificent horse-drawn drays of the Munich breweries, waitresses on decorated floats and all the beer tent bands. Led by the Munich "Kindl," the figure of a monk, on horseback.

Sunday, September 17

Costume and Riflemen's Parade

Starts at 1000 hrs and lasts about 2½ hours, approx. 8,700 participants.

Route: Max II Monument, Maximilianstraße, Residenzstraße, Ludwigstraße, Odeonsplatz, Brienner Straße, Amiraplatz, Kardinal-Faulhaber-Straße, Promenadeplatz, Pacelli-straße, Lenbachplatz, Karlsplatz (Stachus), Sonnenstraße, Schwanthalerstraße, Paul-Heyse-Straße, Georg-Hirth-Platz, Kaiser-Ludwig-Platz, Schubertstraße, Esperantoplatz, Theresienwiese.

World-famous procession on the first Sunday of the Oktoberfest. The Costume and Riflemen's Parade gives an impressive insight into the fascinating diversity of customs rooted in the heart of Germany, and in neighboring European countries. A varied succession of regional costume groups, "troops" in historical uniforms, marching bands, riflemen, thoroughbred horses, oxen, cows, goats, the decorated drays of the Munich breweries, floats displaying typical local traditions and historic carriages all pass by in a 7 kilometer long procession through the streets of the city center. Ribbioned trees, harvest garlands, craftsmen's tools from bygone days, harvest produce, dancers decorated with flowers, stars and crowns, trumpeters on horseback, flag-throwers and a host of other performers transform this traditional Munich procession into a brilliant highlight on the first Sunday of Oktoberfest.

Sunday, September 24

Open Air Concert

Starts at 1100 hrs at the steps of the Bavaria statue. Inclement weather – post-poned to Sunday, October 1. A big band sound open-air concert of all Oktoberfest bands with some 400 musicians.

Reduced Rates

Family Days and "Mittagswiesn"

Tuesdays, September 19 and 26, from 1200 to 1800 hrs, reduced rates apply for fairground attractions, sales and admission fees. Some tents, most food stalls and rides give a 10-30% discount Mon-Fri (except Oct 3) **between 1030 and 1500 hrs**. Look out for the logo "*Mittagswiesn*."

Opening Hours

Official Opening

Saturday, September 16, 1200 hrs **"O'zapft is!"** (It's tapped!)

Food and Beverages Served

Opening day:..... 1200-2230 hrs
Mon-Fri:..... 1000-2230 hrs
Sat, Sun, holiday:..... 0900-2230 hrs
Daily closing time:..... 2330 hrs

Exceptions: "*Käfers Wies'nschänke*" and the "*Weinzelt*" are open until 0100 hrs, last orders at 0015 hrs.

Rides and Shows

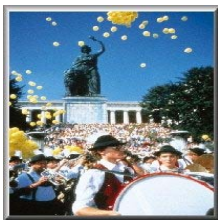
Opening day:..... 1200-2400 hrs
Monday-Thursday: 1000-2330 hrs
Friday: 1000-2400 hrs
Saturday and October 2: 0900-2400 hrs
Sunday and October 3:..... 0900-2330 hrs

Sales Stands

Opening day:..... 1000-2400 hrs
Monday-Thursday: 1000-2330 hrs
Friday: 1000-2400 hrs
Saturday and October 2: 0900-2400 hrs
Sunday and October 3:..... 0900-2330 hrs

Oktoberfest Officially Ends

Tuesday, October 3, 2330 hrs **"Aus is!"** (It's over!)



Oktoberfest Advisory

Don't risk losing your wallet in the hustle and bustle of the crowd. Carry it in the front pocket of your trousers. It is also wise to carry only small quantities of money and low denomination bills.

Cameras and purses on long straps may also provoke undue attention. Leave credit cards at home.

As for souvenir beer mugs, please be reminded that taking beer mugs from the Oktoberfest tents for souvenir purposes is not permitted and will be considered a criminal act by the German police.

Souvenir mugs may be purchased from vendors at the Oktoberfest area. Purchased mugs will be stamped indicating they have been legally obtained and paid for.

The following information from German law regarding the "Protection of Youths in Public Places" is furnished to help parents regulate the hours during which their children may visit the Oktoberfest:

- Under this law, a child is considered to be under the age of 14; a youth is over the age of 14 but not yet 18 years old.
- A sponsor/chaperone in the sense of this law is defined as he or she who has the right or the responsibility to care for the child or youth.
- Children less than 14 years of age are allowed to be in a beer tent only when accompanied by a parent.
- Children under 6 years of age may not be in a beer tent after 2000 hrs even if accompanied by the parents.
- Prams are permitted on the Oktoberfest Sunday through Friday from starting times to 1700 hrs. **Prams are not permitted at all on Saturdays.**
- Unaccompanied youths 14 to 16 years old may not be in beer tents after 2200 hrs. Unaccompanied youths 16 years or older may not be in a beer tent after midnight.
- Children and youths may neither partake nor purchase hard liquor in beer tents or sales stalls.
- Children/youths under the age of 16 may not purchase or consume beer in a beer tent unless accompanied by a parent or sponsor. Unaccompanied youths 16 to 18 years of age may purchase and consume beer in a beer tent.

Don't take your car – use public transportation

A Safe Oktoberfest for Girls and Women



Persons wearing this button will assist girls and women who feel threatened, were harassed, molested or raped.

[Sichere Wiesn für Mädchen und Frauen](#)

Help is also available at the [Security Point](#) at the Service Center Theresienwiese (SZT) just below the Bavaria Statue.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU!

In the unfortunate event that you lose your passport

Check first with the [local lost and found office](#)

If it is not found call us at: 089/2888-575

Email: ConsMunich@state.gov

If you have been a victim of crime or need other assistance

Call us at 089/2888-580

Email: ConsMunich@state.gov

American Consulate General

Königstrasse 5
80539 Munich
(U3/U6 Odeonsplatz)

We are open to the public:

Monday – Friday 1 to 4 pm

(Please note that we are closed on September 27th and October 3rd 2006)

24-hour emergency contact:

Call: 089/2888-0